



# Jairus' Daughter

*Bible Reference: Mark 5:21-24 & 35-43*

## Aims:

1. To present the story of Jesus raising Jairus' daughter from the dead
2. To explore the themes of **Compassion** and **Comforting**

## Materials Required:

- RELIVE DVD Episode 5 "Jairus' Daughter"
- A teddy
- A blanket
- A box of tissues
- A pair of slippers
- A comfy chair
- A large card heart cut out

## Assembly Outline

### Introduction:

Begin the assembly by explaining that you are feeling a little bit upset. You could make up a reason why (i.e. you have lost something, someone has been mean to you, you are feeling ill etc). For today's assembly you are going to need comforting. Show the children your teddy. Explain that you have brought the teddy along with you to help you feel better. You may want to sit on the comfy chair as you introduce the DVD. In this film there was a man named Jairus who needed comforting.

*Introduce the RELIVE episode 5 – Jairus' Daughter (play the DVD).*

### Object Lesson:

Ask the children if they have ever felt upset and have needed to be comforted. Then ask them; 'what kind of things help you to feel comforted?' Ask for one volunteer. They are going to help you show what kind of things help you to feel comforted. Wrap the volunteer in a blanket, then give them your teddy, the pillow, a tissue and slippers. Finally give the child the heart. Explain that whenever you are feeling sad or upset, the most important thing you need is love. Ask the children to share ideas of people who show them love when they are feeling upset. In the Bible story, Jairus needed comforting. His daughter was terribly ill and then he found out that she had died. Ask for words to describe how he might have felt. Jesus showed love to Jairus and his wife in their sorrow. But more than that, he gave them joy when he brought their daughter back to life. Jesus had compassion on this family and he demonstrated his love in a spectacular way. We might not be able to raise people from the dead, but there are practical things we can do to help bring comfort to those in need. Most importantly, we can show love and compassion.

### Reflection:

Ask the children to think of a time when they have needed comforting. Ask them to place their hand on their heart to remind them how important it is to receive love when they are feeling sad. Then remind the children to show love to others who might be feeling upset.

### Prayer:

*Dear God, Thank you for all the things and all the people who comfort me when I am feeling upset. Please help me to show love and compassion to others. Help me to do good things that help bring comfort to people who are sad. Amen* © 2009 RELIVE - BTL Productions